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Dear Joshua.

Thank you very much for your letter of Dec.9.

Reprints: I am enquiring about the possibility of republishing on our Journal, which would also give the opportunity of adding a few corrections. Incidentally: I am very confused about the Val-resistance. On retesting, I found it linked to TL and Ara (W 945). Confusion had been generated by the fact that I had not directly tested for linkage to TL, but crossed to an M- and followed Watson and Hayes's principle of assessing linkage. So, Tatum (your communication) and Rowley were right. This , and any other point that you may like to suggest, could be corrected in the second edition to be published on an Italian paper journal.

Sending this and older reprints; I made two months ago sendings of the last years papers. A fraction of the European names you mention has been covered, and I shall try to comly with the rest, although I am myself running very low on reprints. There have been several direct requests.

Stocks; I had noticed since some time the finstability of Mal and think that the data in our joint paper of JGM should be free from this error, as cultures had been isolated shortly before? In fact, segregations of Mal in those data show where linkage with Myl, as expected. In crosses which were conducted with partially back mutated parents I had found an independence of Mal on all the rest, a rather puzzling fact at first. I am sorry the back mutated cultures were sent. This must have happened with the second sending because, in order decider delays, I sent stocks without checking them.

Prospects: I have not received any information sofar from the Rockefeller. Thank you very much for your offer of financial help; I hope I can do without it, if the Rockefeller keep to their promises.

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There is nothing or real interest to tell you about from my lab. All the best wished for the New Year; hoping that it will give us the opportunity to meet each other

Yours

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